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SUBJECT: NBC NEWS TO FILM CWS PROJECT IN NICARAGUA

1. DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, WILLIAM MC CLURKEN, HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S COOPERATION IN SECURING GON APPROVAL FOR NBC NEWS FILM CREW TO FILM CHURCH WORLD SERVICES PROJECT IN PUERTO MORAZAN DURING WEEK OF APRIL 19. FILM WILL BE USED AS PART OF NBC PUBLIC SERVICE SPECIAL ON SOLUTIONS TO WORLD FOOD PROBLEM SCHEDULED FOR BROADCAST SUNDAY JUNE 13. SPECIFIC INTEREST IS IN RECORDING NUTRITION EDUCATION, FAMILY PLANNING, AND ACTIVITIES OF FISHING COOPERATIVE SUPPORTED IN PUERTO MORAZAN BY CONSEJO EVANGELICO PRO AYUDA AL DESAROLLO, HEADED BY DR. GUSTAVO A. PARAJON.

2. MC CLURKEN INDICATES PROGRAM NOT INVESTIGATIVE OR MUCKRAKING; EMPHASIS IS ON POSITIVE MODELS OF DEVELOPMENT TECHNIQUES SPONSORED BY CHURCH GROUPS. GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS NOT INVOLVED. NBC REGULARLY CONTRIBUTES SUNDAY TIME SLOT, PRODUCTION STAFF AS PUBLIC SERVICE TO NCC, OTHER CHURCH GROUPS. NICARAGUAN PROJECT AND ONE IN KENYA WILL BE ONLY TWO OVERSEAS EXAMPLES IN JUNE PROGRAM. CLEARANCE NEEDED BY NBC QUICKLY BECAUSE OF HOLY WEEK, UNCLASSIFIED

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TIGHT EDITING SCHEDULE.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE  
GON OFFICIALS, TRANSMIT RESPONSE APRIL 9 TO ARA/CEN  
AND ALSO TO: DORIS SCHARFENBERG, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER,  
RELIGIOUS PROGRAMMING UNIT, NBC NEWS, 30 ROCKFELLER  
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